

## \$275,000 COTTON FIRE IN COMPRESS AT MAGNOLIA, ARK.

## Incendiarism Suspected in Early Morning Blaze That Razes Plant—Nearby Cotton Warehouse Is Saved.

Most of the cotton belonged to buyers and was fully insured. The building and machinery also were insured. The loss is estimated at \$200,000 on the cotton and \$75,000 on the

A cotton warehouse nearby housing 4,000 bales of cotton was saved. R. L. Taylor, of Memphis, Tenn., is said to have been principal owner of the compress.

Incendiarism is suspected and officers of the town and insurance officials have begun an investigation.

**\$10,000 LOSS IN BLAZE**

**IN SHAW WAREHOUSE**  
(Special to The News Scimitar.)  
SHAW, Miss., Nov. 24.—The warehouse of A. E. Graham burned here early this morning with a loss of more than \$10,000. The building was well filled with cotton and other articles. Origin of the fire is unknown, the building being well ablaze when discovered. No insurance was carried.

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# HARDING STUDIES INNER WORKINGS

# OF PANAMA CANAL

(By the Associated Press.)

CRISTOBAL, Canal Zone, Nov. 24.  
—Senator Warren G. Harding, United States president-elect, gave up golf and motoring this morning to make

Stops were arranged at Gatun lock and at other points to permit close inspection of problems of canal maintenance.

Mr. Harding has taken a keen interest in the future of the canal, and is known to believe it to be one of the outstanding national assets as regards foreign commerce. During the debate in congress relative to the canal, the problem of tolls for American ships received his particular

lar attention, his strong conviction for free passage for American ships having been expressed many times both in congress and in his speeches during the last campaign.

Col. Chester Harding, governor of the Canal Zone accompanied him on the trip and tonight will be his host at a dinner at the Pacific terminal of the canal. The dinner will be followed by a public reception and the next day will be his last in the zone.

When he arrived here Mr. Harding found a program of entertainment prepared for him which would have given him little time for recreation. Officials of the Canal Zone and the republic of Panama submitted plans for a series of functions in his honor.

The steamer *Parismina* was welcomed into the harbor by a swarm of army airplanes and several sub-marines, which met her three miles out and conveyed her to her dock. A large crowd cheered the president-elect and his wife and a formal greeting was extended by Gov. Harding, Brig. Gen. Kennedy and R. Adm. R. B. Smith.

**COP IDENTIFIES  
VICTIM'S AUTO**

(By International News Service.)  
WHEELING, W. Va., Nov. 24

Positive identification of the automobile of Henry T. Pierce, murderer of Philadelphia, was made today by Policeman Albert Custer, who was stationed at the garage within a block of city hall, where the supposed murderers left the car Monday night for repairs. Custer found an envelope under the cushions, containing a statement from the William H. Moor

According to one of the garage employees, he paid little attention to the two men who left the car Monday night, but since it became known that the car was that of the murderer victim, he recalls that he talked it but one man, and that he believed the other party to be a woman.

The two suspects are supposed to have slept in a dive here last night but efforts to locate them have so far been futile. A Philadelphia detective will arrive there this afternoon to aid the Wheeling police.

## TO BORROW FROM FUND

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—Railroads are justified in applying to the interstate commerce commission for loans from the transportation revolving fund when money markets are excessive, the commission holds, even though the wording of the act provides that the carrier must show "inability to borrow."

the themselves with the funds necessary for the aforesaid purposes from other sources."